

REMARKS

In the above referenced office action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement between the following sets of claims:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to either a blast liner assembly for use in a solids placement or a system for placement of solids within a wellbore, classified in class 166, subclass 51.
- II. Claims 15-20, drawn to a method for protecting portions of a solids placement system from erosion damage, classified in class 222, subclass 1.

Applicant hereby elects Group 1, claims 1-14 with traverse. Claims 15-20 have been cancelled. New claims 21-29 have been added. The new claims are method claims that are intended to generally mirror claims 1-9.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that this Paper is responsive to the Examiner's stated election/restriction requirement. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0429 (304-35458-US).

Respectfully submitted,

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